

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended) A method for playout of packetized speech, comprising:

(a) expanding an active frame according to a voicing classification for said active frame;

~~-(a)- (b)~~ deferring truncation of an active frame; and

~~-(b)- (c)~~ truncating a silence frame.

Claim 2 (original) The method of claim 1, wherein:

(a) said packetized speech includes CELP-encoded frames; and

(b) said truncating a silence frame includes truncating an excitation for said silence frame.

Claim 3 (cancelled)

Claim 4 (currently amended) A method of frame playout expansion, comprising:

(a) classifying ~~a frame as voiced or not~~ an active frame as one of (i) voiced, (ii) unvoiced, or (iii) transition;

(b) expanding an unvoiced frame by expanding an excitation for said unvoiced frame with a random fixed-codebook vector; and

~~-(b)- (c)~~ expanding a voiced frame by a multiple of the pitch of said voiced frame.

Claim 5 (original) The method of claim 4, wherein:

(a) said frames are CELP-encoded frames; and

(b) said expanding a voiced frame includes expanding an excitation for said voiced frame by a multiple of the pitch of said voiced frame..

Claim 6 (cancelled)

Claim 7 (currently amended) A receiver, comprising:

- (a) an input for receiving CELP-encoded frames;
- (b) a decoder coupled to said input; and
- (c) a playout scheduler coupled to said input;
- (d) said decoder ~~operable to provide~~ performing expansion of a voiced frame in response to said playout scheduler, wherein said expansion is a multiple of the pitch for said voiced frame; and
- (e) said decoder performing truncation of a frame in response to said playout scheduler only when said frame is a silence frame.

Claim 8 (cancelled)